

TREATY ARCHIVE

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PM 58/14/11

25 January 1961

Sir,

With reference to our recent discussions and verbal understandings I have the honour to inform you that the Government of New Zealand is prepared to conclude with the Government of the Republic of Italy an agreement to facilitate travel between our two countries on the following basis:-

- (1) Italian nationals possessing valid Italian passports who hold permits to enter New Zealand for permanent residence, or who desire to enter New Zealand for a bona fide visit, will be issued with appropriate visas free of charge by the appropriate visa-issuing authority. In the case of an Italian national holding a permit to enter New Zealand for permanent residence, a visa will be made valid for a period corresponding to the period within which he is required to exercise his right to enter New Zealand in accordance with the permit. In the case of an Italian national proceeding to New Zealand on a bona fide visit, a visa will be made valid for a period of twelve months and good for an appropriate number of journeys to New Zealand within that period.

His Excellency,

Dr Giuseppe Capece,

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Minister of Italy

- (2) New Zealand citizens possessing valid New Zealand passports may enter Italy without obtaining a visa, provided the entry is not made with the intention of staying in Italy for a period longer than three months, or with the intention of entering into gainful employment or occupation.
- (3) New Zealand citizens possessing valid New Zealand passports, who desire to enter Italy in order to take up gainful employment, or for a period of longer than three months, and whose entry has been approved, will be issued with appropriate visas free of charge by the appropriate visa-issuing authority.
- (4) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, it is understood:
  - (a) that the above mentioned provisions do not exempt Italian nationals entering New Zealand and New Zealand citizens entering Italy, from the necessity of complying with the New Zealand and Italian laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (whether temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of aliens, and
  - (b) that travellers who are unable to satisfy the respective immigration authorities that they comply with the laws and regulations referred to in the immediately preceding sub-paragraph, are liable to be refused permission to enter or land, or the right to remain if they have already entered the country concerned.

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(5) In this agreement:

- (a) "New Zealand", where used as a territorial description, includes the Cook Islands (including Niue), the Tokelau Islands and the Trust Territory of Western Samoa;
- (b) "New Zealand citizens" includes citizens of Western Samoa;
- (c) "New Zealand laws and regulations" includes laws and regulations of the Trust Territory of Western Samoa, and of the Cook and Tokelau Islands;
- (d) "New Zealand passports" includes passports or travel documents issued by the authorities of the Trust Territory of Western Samoa.

(6) This agreement shall take effect from 1 March 1961.

(7) Either party may terminate this agreement by giving three months' notice in writing to the other party.

If the Government of Italy is prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and your reply in similar terms should be regarded as an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest esteem.

*"Keith Holyoake"*

Minister of External Affairs



## LEGAZIONE D'ITALIA

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His Excellency

The Right Honourable Keith Holyoake

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I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Italy is prepared to accept the foregoing provisions and will regard your Note and the present reply as an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest esteem.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'G. Zare', is written at the bottom right of the page.

*(Copy of NZ note on file)*

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW  
ZEALAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY CONCERNING  
VISAS.

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